

Passes of the Moon for the Month of Oct., 1874

PREPARED BY CAPT. DAVID L. SMITH.

HONOLULU MEAN TIME.

2nd, Last Quarter.	7.27 A.M.
3rd, New Moon.	8.25 A.M.
4th, First Quarter.	9.23 A.M.
5th, Full Moon.	10.21 A.M.
6th, Last Quarter.	11.29 A.M.

TOTAL HULPS OF THE MOON, OCTOBER 24.

First quarter with shadow.	7.10 P.M.
Beginning of last phase.	8.27 P.M.
Middle of the phase.	9.45 P.M.
End of the phase.	10.21 P.M.
Last contact with shadow.	10.27 P.M.

TIME SUN RISING AND SETTING.

1st, Sun Rises.	5.24 A.M.
2d, Sun Rises.	5.25 A.M.
3d, Sun Rises.	5.26 A.M.
4th, Sun Rises.	5.27 A.M.
5th, Sun Rises.	5.28 A.M.

SUNSET WITH SHADOW.

1st, Sun Sets.	8.27 P.M.
2d, Sun Sets.	8.28 P.M.
3d, Sun Sets.	8.29 P.M.
4th, Sun Sets.	8.30 P.M.
5th, Sun Sets.	8.31 P.M.

COMMERCIALS.

HONOLULU, OCTOBER 24.

We have to announce the arrival during the past week of the Flying Fish, from a sealing cruise, during which she took 210 otter skins.

The steamer Cyprine, 22 days from San Francisco, she brought with her a small amount of freight, and owing to the shortness of her stay took very little passenger business, and only thirteen passengers.

The long Ocean freight of coal and stores from Brazil.

Bark Helen W. Almy is heading for San Francisco, and will sail this week, probably Saturday, taking a mail.

The Colonial mail which left Sydney August 1, per Mikado, were delivered in London September 18th, ship Java. Paid, with 800 barrels of oil and 3,000 pounds of bone. She reports.

On October 18th, bark Advertiser, Horner, 2 whalers; Mr. Wallace, Mitchell, 400 bbls whale. These are all the vessels reported.

SHILL-WORK.—In the show window of Capt. Berr's store on Nuuanu street can be seen a pyramid of shell-work, constructed by Mr. Giles of the Iron Foundry. It includes a great variety of shells from this group and others, well made, put together in such a way as to show them to best advantage. It is a very pretty specimen of handicraft.

Mechanical.—On board of H. B. M.'s ship Scout may be seen a miniature steamer, perhaps two feet in length, fitted with steam engine, which propels her through the water with good speed. As far as specimens of naval architecture it is a perfect model, every part of which was made on board and by a person who has never had instruction in mechanical arts, but made it his own amusement in his leisure hours. He has also constructed a microscope, propelled with a small engine and boiler, which travels around the deck with wonderful speed. A genius who, without instruction, can successfully put together such machinery, ought to be employed in turning out first class brass cased and ocean steamers.

The MINA BIRD.—A correspondent, calling attention to our orthography in spelling the name of this bird, writes, in our issue of the 7th inst., says:

"This interesting bird belongs to the Graculine, and is represented in its different varieties in India, and the Indian Islands, China, Japan, the Papuan Islands, Java, Sumatra, and is known by as many different names. Those here were introduced as Myna birds. Wood's natural history speaks of the Indian variety as the Myna bird. Wallace in his Malay Archipelago refers to two species in the Papuan Islands as the Mynahs of India. In Java they are known by the title of Bee and Honey. The Sumatran call them Tomps, while in China, two varieties rejoice in the appellation of Bee and Honey. Both in India and China they are often domesticated and taught to speak, their talents for conversation equaling it is said those of parrots. In several instances these have learned to talk distinctly. The Myna bird of India is black with the exception of the white markings on the wings. This variety has two bright yellow wattles on the back of the head. The food of these birds consists chiefly of fruit and insects. It is probable that the name given by Wallace, the Mynah, can be relied on as that by which the family is best known."

"We do not find the name Mynah or Myan in any edition of Webster, to which we have access. Goodrich in his natural history refers to the Myna bird, which is probably the same. The proper spelling is Mynah or Myan."

SAILLED.

Oct. 24.—Schooner Agnes, Dorset, for cruises.

Schooner Fanny Queen, Kailua, from Honolulu. Oct. 25.—Schooner Anna, Dublin, from Waikiki. George: 17 pigs sugar, 6 bbls rice, 20 bbls molasses, 175 lbs.

18th—Schooner Nellie, Niha, from Honolulu. George: 17 pigs sugar.

20th—Schooner Eliza, from New Zealand. George: 17 pigs sugar, 21 bbls rice, 4 bbls molasses, 4 lbs.

21st—Schooner Anna, Dublin, from Waikiki. George: 17 pigs sugar, 21 bbls rice, 4 bbls molasses, 4 lbs.

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